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 OF ELECTROMAGNETIC CENTIMETRE WAVES, AND
 RECEPTACLE FOR CARRYING OUT THE INVENTIVE
 METHOD

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Dear Sir:

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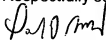
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We are also enclosing copies of the non-US publications listed on the attached PTO-1449. Copies of available English abstracts of the aforementioned patents, patent applications and articles are enclosed herewith.

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Respectfully submitted,



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